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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,390,092

AB United States Patent No. 6,116,241

AC United States Patent No. 5,937,854

AL PCT Application WO 01/68162

AM PCT Application WO 00/33733

AN European Application 1 295 620

AO European Application 1 108 391

AP European Application 0 745 402

AT "A Comprehensive Equation For The Pulmonary Pressure-
Volume Curve," Venegas et al, J. of App. Physiology, Vol. 84 (1998), pages 389-395.

AU "Alveolar Derecruitment at Decremental Positive End-Expiratory
Pressure Levels in Acute Lung Injury," Maggiore et al, Am. J. of Respiratory and
Critical Care Medicine, Vol. 164, No. 5 (September 1, 2001), pages 795-801.

AV "Pressure-Volume Curve and Alveolar Recruitment in the Course of Acute Respiratory Syndrome," Richard et al, Réanimation, Vol. 10 (2001), pages 16-20

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in one or both of Search Reports rendered by the Swedish Patent Office and the European Patent Office in connection with the respective Swedish and European counterpart applications. Copies of the Swedish and European Search Reports are submitted herewith. With the exception of Reference AV, all of the references are in English, and therefore no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. A translation of Reference AV is not readily available to the Applicant, however, Reference AV includes an English language abstract.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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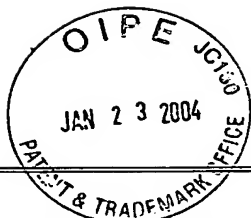
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